

1. Can we use the funds for acquisition? Either for the site we are currently occupying or for a new site, serving the same number of people?
  - A. No, these funds cannot be used for acquisition. The funds are solely for rehabilitation of existing emergency shelters.
2. Is the Eddy Shelter eligible to apply since it is a state owned facility?
  - A. A lessee operating an emergency shelter in state owned property, whether the lessee is a municipality or a private non-governmental party, may apply for funding under this NOFA. In any event, if the operator of the shelter is not also the owner of the shelter, the application should demonstrate that all parties involved (e.g. the shelter operator, the property owner, a master tenant etc.) must consent to the proposed scope of work.
3. Can DV Shelters apply for these funds as well?
  - A. Yes Domestic Violence (DV) Shelters are eligible to apply. In regards to the HMIS requirement, DOH is award that DV shelters are forbidden from entering data into HMIS in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Therefore, any DV shelter that receives this funding will be required to keep and report data as needed in a manner that is consistent with VAWA.
4. We have a transitional housing program that I wondered if it was eligible
  - A. Transitional housing program facilities are not eligible for this NOFA.
5. Is it possible to request funding for our repairs, which was already completed in the previous year.
  - A. No, this NOFA is intended to promote rehabilitation of existing structures and not to reimburse previous repairs.
6. Is this Grant funding a Total Reimbursement or does the applicant have to come up with a Match Funding?
  - A. The applicant can apply for all or a portion of the actual cost of the proposed scope of work. With respect to reimbursement of costs, please see question 5 and the answer thereto.
7. Is it possible to use a capital needs report from 2010 to formulate our proposal and cost factoring in 2015-16 cost escalation.
  - A. The applicant should, to the greatest extent possible provide the most up to date evidence of property conditions and capital needs and the associated rehabilitation costs for such work.
8. My question is would a necessary move to a new site and the required construction be eligible under this NOFA so long as there is no new capacity created? (Our existing shelter, in very poor physical condition, would come offline when the new shelter, built to current codes, opens.)

- A. The intent of this NOFA is to prioritize capital repairs of existing emergency shelter buildings. Although it is not the top priority of this NOFA, an applicant seeking funding for such new construction should submit to DOH a project timeline, plans and specifications, a complete development budget (including other source of funds) and a narrative explaining the project in addition to the other requirements of the NOFA.